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God-So Who Is He, Really?

PART 2

What . . .When . . .Where

Community ConneXions Church

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. . . Reality . . . is found in Christ. (COLOSSIANS 2:7)

Last week, we covered the
“Who and How” about God.

WHO He is---the Creator and Sustainer
of all Things.

HOW we know Him---through both
observation, but primarily revelation.

WHAT He’s like – He lives outside of
TIME AND SPACE. But He
wasn’t going to stay that
way forever!

THE GOD OF ALL THE
UNIVERSE WAS GOING TO
ENTER TIME AND SPACE.

And fulfill an objective of His that had
always been pending. MAKE GOD AND
ALL CREATION ONE!

Ephesians 1:10
King James
Version (KJV)

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the
fulness of times he might gather
together **in one** all things in
Christ, both which are in heaven,
and which are on earth; even in
him:

LET'S PRAY

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I. THE SECOND "IN THE BEGINNING" STORY

WORD – Not only the spoken word, but the unspoken word in the mind. The logic, or rational principle of the universe that governs all things. It's the "Word" in Genesis 1 where God said "Let there be" whatever, and it was. The Creative Word.

John 1 New International Version (NIV)

1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word was God**. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that **life was the light** of all mankind.

Last week, we saw God CREATED the heavens and the earth.

This week, we get a bit of an up close and personal view of who that God is.

"In the Beginning was the WORD . . ."

"The WORD was with God"

"The WORD was God"

"He was with God in the Beginning." ALL THINGS . . . ALL THINGS . . .¹

Species	Animal Group		Invertebrates		Plants . . .	
No one knows for sure Projections for the total number of species on Earth range from 2 to 50 million.	Amphibians	6,199	Insects	950,000	Mosses	15,000
	Birds	9,956	Molluscs	81,000	Ferns and allies	13,025
	Fish	30,000	Crustaceans	40,000	Gymnosperms	980
	Mammals	5,416	Corals	2,175	Dicotyledons	199,350
	Reptiles	8,240	Others	130,200	Monocotyledons	59,300
	STARS IN SKY 9,000 stars YOU CAN ONLY SEE 1/2		GALAXIES – 100 MILLION STARS EACH. 30 and 70 billion trillion		Green Algae	3,715
				Red Algae	5,956	

¹ Info in table below www.factmonster.com

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II. AND THIS WORD BECAME FLESH

John 1:14-18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

His one and only NATURAL SON.
Always coming out of the Father! Like
light does from the Sun.

We have seen (we GAZE IN WONDER AT) his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") **He is the ETERNAL I AM**

¹⁶Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **CHRIST IS THE SUPERIOR REVELATION. THE SON!**

¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and^[a] is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

HAS MADE HIM KNOWN. UNFOLDS HIM!

JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE REVELATION OF GOD. The Bible shares certain things. **BUT WE NEVER REALLY GOT A FULL EXPLANATION OF GOD TILL HE CAME! HE'S THE WHO WHAT WHEN WHERE, WHEN, HOW! HE'S HOW WE KNOW WHO GOD IS.**

John 14:9 (NIV) ⁹ **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.**

Hebrews 1:3 New International Version (NIV)

³The Son is the radiance of God's glory. . . the exact representation of his being,

HE'S REALITY. HISTORY IS HIS STORY. HE'S THE LIFE. REALITY!

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III. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED *BY HIM.*

AND HERE'S ANOTHER TRUTH

⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

1 John 1 New International Version (NIV)

- 1** That which was from the beginning,
- which we have heard,
 - which we have seen with our eyes,
 - which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

²The life appeared;

we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you

the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Acts 17:28 New International Version (NIV)

²⁸'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

THAT'S JESUS. THAT'S THE COSMIC CHRIST WE ALL WORSHIP. IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING. FREEDOM COMES FROM HIM!

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Light – a photon, which is a particle maybe or a wave. They don't know.

A changing electric field could create a changing magnetic field, which would then create another electric field and so on. The result would be a self-sustaining electromagnetic field, endlessly repeating, travelling incredibly fast.

so this is what light is: an electric field tied up with a magnetic field, flying through space.

You can think of the two fields as dance partners, wrapped up in an eternal embrace. To keep self-generating, both electric and magnetic components need to stay in step.

<https://cosmosmagazine.com/physics/what-is-light>

God is light; in him there **is** no darkness at all.1
John 1:5

IV. Jesus Christ is the central truth of the cosmos

Eikon – image.

Colossians 1:15-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

GREEK: THE FIRST BORN OF ALL CREATION

¹⁶For **in him** all things were created:

IN HIM. YOUR BEING IS IN HIM. YOUR TRUTH IS IN HIM. YOU FUNCTION AS AN OUTPUT OF HIM WITH YOUR OWN PERSONHOOD!

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;

all things have been created **through him and for him.**

HE'S YOUR ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD. YOU FIELD OF BEING WE BELONG TO HIM AND EXIST FOR HIM.

¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

A new exotic particle has been hiding out amidst the gobs of data collected by the world's largest atom smasher, physicists have discovered. The new particle, called D_s^{*3} , is a meson — a type of unstable particle made of one quark and one antiquark. . . [Quarks are subatomic particles](#) and are the most basic building blocks of matter that make up protons and neutrons. They're held together by the strong interaction, or strong force . . . **SOME KIND OF FORCE HOLD IT TOGETHER . . .** Strong interaction is such a powerful force that it accounts for more of the mass in an atom than the quarks themselves. The equation behind the force is incredibly complex. . . The D_s^{*3} particle is made of one charm antiquark and one strange quark. . . The new particle could also reveal more about the gaping difference between the amount of matter and [antimatter in the universe](#).

(THE OPPOSITE OF MATTER. CAUSES ANNIHILATION)

MASS

the property of a body that is a measure of its inertia, that is commonly taken as a measure of the amount of material it contains, that causes it to have weight in a gravitational field, and that along with length and time constitutes one of the fundamental quantities on which all physical measurements are based

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mass>

The more inertia, the more mass 😊

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V. IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER

CHRIST----MASS (MERRY CHRISTMAS!)

MATTER---ANTI MATTER

CHRIST --- ANTICHRIST

REALITY ----UNREALITY

REAL LIFE---FALSE LIFE

TRUTH --- LIE

John 14:6 New International Version (NIV)

°Jesus answered, "I am the way and **the truth** and the life.

**CHRIST IS REALITY. REALITY IS CHRIST. ANY LIFE APART FROM
CHRIST IS NONLIFE. ANTI MASS ANTI MATTER**

He includes you in all He does and did.

Ephesians 2 New International Version (NIV)

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh^[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵**made us alive with Christ even when we were dead** in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God **raised us up** with Christ and **seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

John 12:32 When I am lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.

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VI. WHAT GOD DID.

Jesus of Nazareth WAS GOD MADE FLESH. **HE MADE FLESH PERMANENT BY BECOMING IT. WHAT GOD INCORPORATES STAYS FOREVER!**

HE was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him

He was handed over to men by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and with the help of wicked men, they put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

HE COULD NOT BE ANNIHILATED. HE ALWAYS DEFEATED CHAOS FROM THE BEGINNING. THE EARTH WAS VOID AND WITHOUT FORM. GOD SAID LET THERE BE LIGHT. RESURRECTION GUARANTEED.

God did not abandon Him to the realm of the dead,
He did not let your holy one see decay.
God raised this Jesus to life,

³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured it out on all flesh.

THE ANOINTING. GOD LIFE. THE THING THAT OBLITERATES ANTIMATTER. CHRIST. THE ANOINTING.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Repent

and be baptized, every one of you,

in the name of Jesus Christ

for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **OPEN YOU EYES!**

turn from darkness to light ← ~~TURN from the power of Satan to God~~

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VII. RECEIVE FORGIVENESS INSTEAD OF RESIST IT

receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

RECEIVE YOUR PLACE AMONG THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN ANCTIFIED!(SIDEBAR)

2 Corinthians 5:14 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. . . ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him

LIVE IN REALITY! who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

YOUR:

- True humanity is anchored first in the love of the Trinity and in particular in the person of Christ.
 - He is one out of whom YOU have all come and in whom YOU are all enclosed.
 - YOU have always been INCLUDED IN AND PARTICIPATING IN HIS LIFE.
 - HE'S YOUR MASS!
 - God joined and united YOU to himself in creation.
 - Through this union YOU are kept as pure and as when we were made.
 - HE LOVED YOU SO MUCH HE BECAME YOU.
 - AND HE BECAME YOUR SIN.
 - TO ENABLE YOU TO BECOME RIGHTEOUSNESS
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**SAVE YOURSELF FROM THIS
CORRUPTING AND DYING
GENERATION.**

**RECEIVE CHRIST. HE'LL GIVE YOU
HIS SPIRIT!**

**RECOMMIT TO HIM IF YOU NEED
TOO.**

THE WHO IS GOD---AND YOU

**THE WHAT IS LIFE—THE LIFE
THAT IS REALLY LIFE**

**THE WHAT THE WHEN THE WHERE
THE HOW---THE INCARNATION.**

THE WHEN FOR YOU IS NOW.

**BEGIN LIVING THE LIFE THAT IS
REALLY LIFE. LOSE YOUR
LIFE.INDIVIDUALISM. AND RECEIVE HIS.**

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